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Dear Madam:

I am writing this letter in support of the Microsoft settlement. It is my opinion that to continue the vast resources of Microsoft will benefit no one except a handful of envious competitors. Ending the case will benefit the American consumer.

Doesn't it make more sense to put the vast resources of Microsoft to productive use rather than mete out punishment that will at best force the company to offer rebates to software purchasers?

I for one would rather see Texas high tech industry continue to have access to innovative products produced by corporations like Microsoft than to have innovation quashed by greedy competitors and taxpayer funded lawsuits. They act like we have limited resources in this country.

I implore you to convince the Court to accept the terms of the settlement and let Microsoft begin implementing the full terms of this historic agreement.

Sincerely,

David Douglas Toon, Esquire